HOUSE No. 572

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, petition of Frank I. Smizik relative to the voluntary testimony of accused persons before the Civil Service Commission. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 41 of Chapter 31 of the Massachusetts General Laws is
- 2 hereby amended by inserting the following new language after
- 3 "personnel administrator":— At any hearing held under this
- 4 Chapter, the testimony of an accused person shall be voluntary.
- 5 Neither shall said testimony be compelled, nor shall a decision not
- 6 to testify cause a negative inference to be inferred against the
- 7 accused.